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1. On 3 January 1952, a unit of about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and were equipped with rifles and mortars and another unit of about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and carried rifles, submachine guns and range finders marched out of the Infanterie Kaserne on the east side of Friedensstrasse, Zeitz (M 52/K 08). The two units were organized into platoons of from 50 to 100 men each, each platoon being under the command of an officer. About 80 percent of the troops observed were recruits. The two units subsequently engaged in field training and entrenching practice at the training area around Grossosida. Close-order drill involving groups of up to 30 soldiers was noticed in the billeting area during the period from 6 to 12 January.

2. On 12 January, the Artillerie Kaserne on the west side of Friedensstrasse quartered about 1,500 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 60 percent of the troops were recruits. All troop quarters were fully lighted after sundown. A total of 63 T-34 tanks were seen in the four garages, and about 30 SP guns were seen in a large workshop building on 28 December 1951. The other garages were empty, and the doors were open. Three T-34 tanks left the installation toward Golben on 31 December. T-34 tank was seen almost daily at the barracks gate and on the nearby training field between 24 December 1951 and 4 January 1952. Vehicles observed in front of the officers' mess and club at 10-17 Friedrich Engels Platz daily from 1 to 4 January occupied by a colonel and a lieutenant colonel with tank insignia. Sedan occupied by a general with tank insignia was seen on 2 January. The officers' mess and club belonged to the Artillerie Kaserne. Vehicles observed at the Artillerie Kaserne The installation was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops with red-bordered black epaulets during the period from 11 to 19 January.

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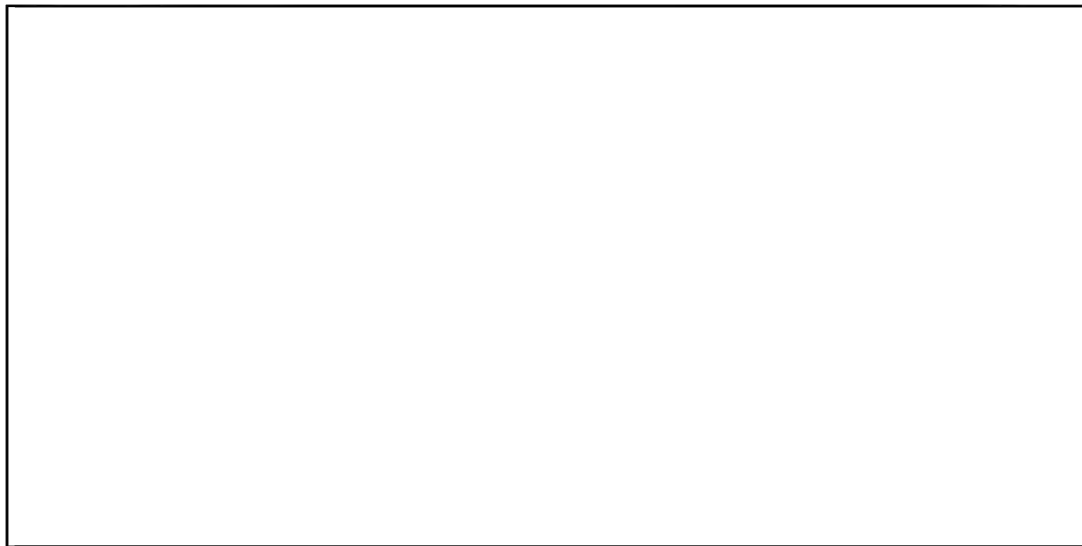
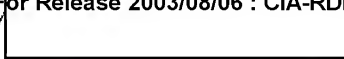
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